



January 2017

Dear Colleagues/Friends:

Welcome to our comprehensive E-newsletter, called ***NJASCU News and Notes***. The communication includes not only the compilation of media clips, but also a selection of feature stories highlighting NJASCU-member initiatives, alumni, and state legislative priorities.

Please check www.njascu.org for the most up-to-date information about the New Jersey public colleges and universities, as well as the AASCU "Daily Headlines" service for the national higher education news.

State College/University Alumni Profiles

Each month NJASCU features an Alumni Profile (<http://www.njascu.org/alumni-profiles.html>).

Our most recent Alumni Profile is:

Robin Schwartz, William Paterson University, Class of 1979



(one of WPU Professor Robin Schwartz's award-winning photographs)

Events/Activities

TechXtend Hosts Educational Seminar on "Physical Security in the Education Space," February 10, 2017

TechXtend, an IT solution provider specializing in the areas of security, virtualization, disaster recovery, and datacenter infrastructure, invites members of the higher education community to a Feb. 10, 2017 educational seminar on "Physical Security in the Education Space." The learning session, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., includes lunch and will take place at TechXtend corporate offices in Eatontown, NJ.

Partnering with TechXtend for this instructional session is Bosch Security Systems. In reaction to recent nationwide school incidents and threats, both Bosch and TechXtend determined a need among security professionals at educational institutions for proactive rather than reactive strategies.

Some key issues to be discussed include:

- Campus security: defending against burglary, vandalism, and trespassing.
- Student/Employee Safety: Situational awareness of the student population as well as non-students on campus and controlling ingress/egress.
- Student/Employee Management: Identifying trouble areas and activities as a means of enhanced control with less personnel.
- ROI: Longevity of equipment and technology, ability to leverage existing equipment, reduction of failure risk, and easy proof migration path.

[Click to Register for Webinar](#)

**TechXtend/Bosch Education
Safety & Security Lunch & Learn
February 10, 2017
11 am - 2 pm**

4 Industrial Way West, 3rd Floor, Eatontown, NJ, 07724

RSVP by February 3, 2017
Contact Kevin Askew for more information
kevin.askew@techxtend.com | 800.441.1511

NJCU Winter 2017 Gallery Exhibitions

Manga and War January 25 - March 1, 2017

The Visual Arts Gallery will host the traveling exhibition *Manga and War* from January 25 to March 1. Curated by the Kyoto International Manga Museum in 2015 and presented abroad for the first time, this exhibition commemorates the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II. This is a rare opportunity for American audiences to view 24 principal Japanese manga works, along with original paintings and drawings by several manga authors.

Come to Selfhood February 2 - March 2, 2017

The Harold B. Lemmerman Gallery will feature *Come to Selfhood* (February 2 - March 2). The Atlanta-based photographer, Joshua Rashaad McFadden presents his award-winning book *Come to Selfhood*, a series of photographic works and writings that explore black male identity, masculinity, and notions about the father figure. *Come to Selfhood* provides a frame of reference that visually articulates the identities of young black men by delving into ideas of history, role models, and varied experiences. An opening reception and book signing with the artist will be held on February 2, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The NJCU Visual Arts Gallery is located at the ground floor of the Visual Arts Building (100 Culver Avenue). The Harold B. Lemmerman Gallery is located in Hepburn Hall, Room 323 (2039 John F. Kennedy Blvd.). Hours for both galleries are Monday-Friday, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. or by appointment: 201-200-2496 (Visual Arts Gallery) / 201-200-3246 (Lemmerman Gallery).

School and community groups are welcome and requested to make an appointment by contacting Midori Yoshimoto (myoshimoto@njcu.edu).

More information about upcoming exhibitions is available online: www.njcu.edu/arts

February 10, 2017 8 p.m. Catherine Russell, Grammy Award-Winning Jazz Vocalist William Paterson University Shea Center

Multiple Grammy Award-winning, internationally renowned jazz and blues vocalist Catherine Russell will return to William Paterson University in Wayne for a special concert in celebration of Valentine's Day in Shea Center for Performing Arts on February 10, 2017 at 8 p.m. Ms. Russell will appear two days before the 2017 Grammy Awards where she is nominated for Best Jazz Vocal Album for her CD "Harlem on My Mind."

The performance is part of the WP Presents! Onstage Café series. Tickets are \$60 for onstage seating with dinner and dessert buffet and an open beer and wine bar. Show-only concert tickets are \$30. Dinner ticket holders should arrive at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the She Center Box Office at 973-720-2371 or wp-presents.org.

February 24, 2017 7:30 p.m.

"Reimagining Equality: Inclusive Communities in Post-Obama America" Anita Hill, Civil and Women's Rights Activist, to Speak at William Paterson University Shea Center

Anita Hill, a renowned social justice activist, and the woman who made sexual harassment in the workplace a national issue by testifying against Supreme Court Justice nominee Clarence Thomas, will speak on February 24, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. at William Paterson University in Wayne as part of the 38th season of the Distinguished Lecturer Series. Ms. Hill will speak about "Reimagining Equality: Inclusive Communities in Post-Obama America" examining how to address questions of equity, including sexual harassment and assault, gender and racial economic gaps, and leadership disparities.

Tickets for the lecture in Shea Center on Campus are \$25 for general admission. William Paterson University students with valid ID receive one free ticket at the Box Office. To purchase tickets, please call the Shea Center Box Office at 973-720-2371 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. or purchase online at wp-presents.org.

Ms. Hill began her career as a lawyer in Washington after graduating from Yale Law School as one of few black students in a class of 160. She accepted a position with Supreme Court Justice nominee Clarence Thomas at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and subsequently brought sexual harassment charges against Thomas in 1995. Her efforts led to national recognition of sexual harassment issues in the workplace.

News and Notes

Immigration Order Could Come with \$700 Million Price Tag for Colleges

EducationDive.com

February 2, 2017

A new report estimates that enrollment and faculty recruitment could be hampered by the new rule, and colleges could see dramatic losses in tuition and research revenue.

Kean University Celebrates Black History Month with the Performing and Visual Arts

Kean.com

February 1, 2017

Kean University is celebrating Black History Month and the tremendous contributions people of African descent have made to this nation and the world. All are invited to Kean's Union campus for a variety of events throughout the month of February that will celebrate and illuminate the black experience in the United States and tackle important social justice issues.

Kean University is hosting *Wandering Spirit: African Wax Prints* at the Karl and Helen Burger Gallery from February 1 to March 3, 2017.

How Montclair Professor and William Paterson Professor are Helping Syrian Refugees Settled in New Jersey Through Food and Friendship

BaristaNet.com

January 31, 2017

Montclair and Maplewood residents Melina Macall - a professor at William Paterson University - and Kate McCaffrey - an anthropology professor at Montclair State University - have created the [Syria Supper Club](#) to show support and solidarity with Syrian refugees who have settled in New Jersey. A lovely dinner is prepared by one or more of the area's new Syrian neighbors who share their traditional cooking skills in a table full of traditional Syrian food. Residents sign up to host, and/or attend the dinner, breaking bread with the family. Participants can enjoy food, conversation, and fun cultural exchange.

These meals have presented an opportunity for people who have been defined for too long as victims to share knowledge and skills unique to them, and for recipients to become partners in fundraising efforts to set them on a path of greater independence and confidence in their new lives here in New Jersey.

Montclair State University Professor Pankaj Lal Receives Prestigious Presidential AwardInnovationNJ.net

January 31, 2017

Pankaj Lal, associate professor of Earth and Environmental Studies and associate director of the PSEG Institute for Sustainability Studies at Montclair State University, is among 102 recipients of the Presidential Early Career Awards for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE). The awards, announced by President Obama on January 9, are the highest honor bestowed by the United States government on federally funded science and engineering professionals in the early stages of their research centers.

TCNJ Ranks Among Best in US for Student Loan Repayment SuccessTCNJ.edu

January 31, 2017

The College of New Jersey ranks 24th among all public institutions in the nation for graduates with the lowest student loan default rates, according to a new study published by the Student Loan Report. Among public schools offering baccalaureate degrees, TCNJ ranks 11th nationally and is first in New Jersey.

The college's strong showing in this ranking is a reflection on the degree to which it prepares students for success following graduation.

Stockton University to Host First 'StockHack' on February 18-19**QuickTakes** - www.njascu.org

January 31, 2017

Stockton University is presenting its first annual StockHack, a 24-hour, innovation, design and technology competition for high school students and currently enrolled undergraduate college students, from noon on Saturday, February 18 - noon on Sunday, February 19.

StockHack is a unique, free event which in which students will learn how computer science can be applied in their educations by experimenting with interface design and software engineering challenges. The overall themes for the event are innovation and design, with a grand prize going to the most innovative original project.

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Some of NJ's Top Educators Inspire Those With Passion to TeachNJSpotlight.com

January 26, 2017

Books and diplomas alone can't make a great teacher, or even a good one for that matter. And yet, almost paradoxically, excellence in teaching can be learned. That's one of the most important takeaways of the recent New Jersey Future Educators Conference at Montclair State University.

2016 Investment Returns for Public-Employee Pension Up 7%, Much Better Than in 2015NJSpotlight.com

January 26, 2017

The board that oversees New Jersey's beleaguered public-employee pension system received some good news yesterday as new figures showed overall investment returns finished ahead by about 7 percent last year. New Jersey's pension system - which 785,000 current and retired workers rely on to cover their retirements - is currently underfunded by an estimated \$44 billion, according to the state's calculations, and much more by some other estimates. The pension system was also ranked as the worst-funded state pension fund in the United States by Bloomberg, falling below both those of Kentucky and Illinois.

To help address the funding problem, Governor Chris Christie recently enacted a bipartisan bill that will require the state to begin making its employer pension contributions on a quarterly basis instead of all at once at the end of the fiscal year, which is the current practice. That change, set to begin in the 2017 fiscal year, should help generate better long-term investment returns by getting more money into the system earlier in the fiscal year since full years with negative returns are generally rare.

In all, the pension system saw returns totaling 7.09 percent in 2016, up from 0.64 percent measured the year before, according to the figures released during yesterday's meeting. The turnaround was even more impressive compared to the 2016 fiscal year returns, which came in 0.93 percent in the net.

Non-Traditional Grad Paths Prompt MSU to Add Winter Commencement

[NJ.com](#)

January 25, 2017

According to Montclair State University officials, there is a growing trend among students - not graduating in the traditional four years. More and more students are graduating on different schedules. That, combined with increasing enrollment at the school, which reached 21,000 students this year, prompted Montclair State to switch its commencement schedule this year from a one-ceremony event, to a three-ceremony plan - including one in January.

With Lead Testing Complete, Rowan Administrators Plan Next Steps in Purifying Water

[TheWhitOnline.org](#)

January 25, 2017

After a full semester of analyzing the water quality of every building on campus, Rowan University has finished its final rounds of testing, according to Vice President of University Relations Joe Cardona. Now, Rowan officials are planning their next move in order to remove all traces of lead from the school's water supply.

Court Fight Over Proposed Health Campus

[CourierPostOnline.com](#)

January 25, 2017

A court fight is under way over the development of a health sciences campus in Camden. The Rowan University-Rowan Camden Board of Governors filed eminent-domain lawsuits Monday to force the sale of eight storefronts on the 200 block of Broadway.

The targeted sites are on the block's eastern side, across from a cleared area where the board plans to build a \$70-million, 100,000-square-foot complex.

Rutgers Advocacy Effort Calls for Bridge Act

[InsideHigherEd.com](#)

January 25, 2017

Students at Rutgers University have sent more than 6,000 letters to their U.S. senators and representatives in support of a bill that would provide "provisional protected presence" and employment authorization to young immigrants who were brought to the U.S. illegally as children. The students sent the letters through a Rutgers portal in response to a "call to action" from President Robert Barchi alerting students of an opportunity to advocate for the BRIDGE Act, which would provide temporary legal status to beneficiaries of former President Obama's Deferred

Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program in the event President Trump overturns it via an executive order.

Trump Targets ACA on Day 1; NJ Democrats Coordinate Response

www.NJSpotlight.com

January 23, 2017

It took President Donald Trump just hours after taking the oath of office to sign an executive order directing federal officials to do what is possible to dismantle the Affordable Care Act. And while experts differ on the impact of this action alone, Democratic leaders in New Jersey are wasting no time in spelling out what a repeal of the landmark law - or other federal reforms envisioned by the new president - will mean for the Garden State. College presidents may have to reassess the health insurance accessibility for its students. If ACA were repealed, NJ law regarding health insurance for residential students would need to be revisited. The NJ law assumes that federal law requires students to have insurance.

Kean Online Ranked Top 10 in New Jersey by Value Colleges

Kean.edu

January 23, 2017

Value Colleges recently named Kean University to its list of the Top 10 Best Online Colleges in New Jersey. Among the colleges recognized, Kean offers the most affordable tuition. The listing is part of an effort to highlight the most affordable, high-quality online degree options for college students across the country. Kean Online offers degree programs in business, criminal justice and nursing. Kean has established cooperative partnerships with New Jersey's community colleges to facilitate their student's transition into online bachelor's completion programs.

Rhode Island is the Latest State to Wade into Free College Discussion

www.EducationDive.com

January 23, 2017

Rhode Island Governor Gina Raimondo recently became the latest top state lawmaker to advance the idea of free college access for students who choose to remain in-state for higher education. Early estimates of the plan suggest a \$30 million investment which lawmakers have not yet vetted or cast votes for, but would likely model after plans established in California, Tennessee and Oregon and under consideration in other states like New York. The Rhode Island plan would cover two years at its public community college, or the final two years of education at the University of Rhode Island or Rhode Island College.

Kudos to Mercer County Leaders on Educational Attainment

QuickTakes - www.njascu.org

January 20, 2017

The leadership of the Mercer County Executive, Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce and members of the Blue Ribbon Commission on a Mercer County Partnership for Educational Attainment are commended for recent recommendations to place higher educational opportunity at the center of the county's long-term economic prosperity.

Decoding DeVos: What New Education Secretary Could Mean for New Jersey

NJSpotlight.com

January 20, 2017

No doubt, Betsy DeVos, Trump's nominee for new Education Secretary, will bring a very pro-charter sensibility to the federal Department of Education.

That's hardly a big shift; President Barack Obama and his education secretaries were also supportive of charters. But a Trump administration appears to want to step that up a notch, including a possible infusion of tens of billions of dollars into the choice movement. One promise

from Trump was a \$20 billion grant program, although how that would work has never been detailed.

For New Jersey, that could mean some mobilization of what is already a strong charter movement of more than 80 schools and 40,000 students. A massive grant program to further expand charters or even bring back private-school vouchers could force the state to move in some novel directions that will bring a very pro-charter sensibility to the federal Department of Education.

A Workhorse University Becomes a Thoroughbred

www.UniversityBusiness.com

January 19, 2017

The profile on Dr. Susan Cole, who took over the presidency of Montclair State University in 1998 describes how she has evolved in the job and transformed the university.

Open for Business: \$63M Hall Opens at Rowan

CourierPostOnline.com

January 18, 2017

Rowan University's William G. Rohrer College of Business has a new Business Hall - a four-story, 98,000-square-foot facility costing \$63.2 million. The building was partly funded by New Jersey's Building Our Future Bond Act passed by voters in 2012. Rowan received \$117 million in the referendum, with \$46 million funding Business Hall and another \$46 million funding from the \$70.6 million Engineering Building.

Major Building Projects at NJ Colleges to Benefit from \$34M Allocation

NJSpotlight.com

January 17, 2017

It's been more than four years since voters authorized a major bond issue to help pay for new buildings and renovations at New Jersey colleges and universities. Now, lawmakers are taking steps to allocate \$34 million, which represents the remaining dollars that have yet to be spent from that bond issue. Committees in both the Assembly and Senate voted last week to approve a list of projects that will use up what remains of the \$750 million "Building Our Future Bond Act" from 2012. Much of the money that has yet to be spent will go to two-year colleges to pay for new academic buildings, according to the list of projects - which won bipartisan support.

Thomas Edison, MCCC Partner to Offer 4-Year Nursing Degree

NJ.com

January 17, 2017

Mercer County Community College students can now earn a bachelor's degree in nursing in four years, thanks to a new partnership with Thomas Edison State University. The presidents from both schools signed the agreement Tuesday, January 17, 2017. The program will allow graduates of MCCC's Nursing Education Program to transfer and apply up to 90 credits to the online RN-BSN program at TESU.

Rowan to Debut \$134.2 Million in New Additions, Facilities as Rapid Growth Continues

BizJournals.com

January 17, 2017

The new \$63.2 million home of Rowan University's William G. Rohrer College of Business will officially open its doors on Wednesday, January 18, 2017, marking the completion of yet another large-scale project that's rapidly changing the face of the Glassboro university. The total \$63.2 million cost of the project was partially covered by the state's Building Our Future Bond Act, approved by voters via referendum four years ago. The act allows state officials to borrow a total of \$750 million to fund upgrades and additions at New Jersey's institutes of higher education.

It's the first academic building on the university's campus to focus solely on business programs. It will house 14 classrooms, 70 faculty offices, 15 administrative offices, seven conference rooms and 10 specialty spaces like a trading room. A \$10 million gift from the William G. Rohrer Charitable

Foundation was given to the school in 2004 to build out of its business programs, which now includes a MBA program, a Master of Science in finance, a dual MBA and Doctor of Osteopath degree, as well as eight undergraduate programs.

Rowan University Partners with HigherEducation.com to Offer New Online Bachelor's Degree

[PRWeb.com](#)

January 17, 2017

Rowan University has partnered with HigherEducation.com to extend its online degree offerings with two new online bachelor's degree completion programs: a BA in Psychology and a BA in Law and Justice.

Breakfast Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

[NJToday.net](#)

January 17, 2017

Montclair State University President Susan A. Cole [delivered the keynote address](#) on January 13 at The YMCA of Newark and Vicinity's 46th annual Memorial Breakfast Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The first organization to recognize the civil rights leader with an annual event, a tradition that began in 1971, the YMCA welcomed the president of New Jersey's second-largest higher education institution as part of the morning event.

"In the room this morning are gathered many of the people who care deeply about the future of this city and its people, and we are gathering at a moment in time when the nation's first black presidency is coming to a close, and when, both as a state and as a nation, we appear to be a bit confused about who we are as a people, and we appear to have lost a sense of certainty about how to find the road to a better future," said Dr. Cole to the crowd of local leaders and community members. "As I think of Dr. King and what he achieved and where we are now, I find myself thinking of something that Eleanor Roosevelt said. She said, 'We should rejoice in the accomplishments of those before us, be proud of the heritage that we inherit, but be always vigilant that the future is ours alone to make.' The future is ours alone to make."

Nominations Open for Unsung New Jersey Heroes

[NorthJerseyHills.com](#)

January 17, 2017

Nominations are now being accepted through Friday, February 17 for the 21st Russ Berrie Making a Difference Award.

New Jerseyans who have made a significant difference in their communities through a lifetime of service or a single heroic act are eligible for cash awards of up to \$50,000. Members of the community are invited to nominate New Jersey residents whose deeds, carried out in the state, make them worthy of the honor. The Russell Berrie Foundation sponsors the program.

Established in 1996 by the late Russell Berrie, founder of Russ Berrie and Company, Inc. and the Russell Berrie Foundation, and Ramapo College of New Jersey, the awards honor "unsung heroes" statewide. Up to 11 individuals will be recognized for making a significant difference to the well-being of their community during the annual spring award ceremony at Ramapo College in Mahwah.

The Russell Berrie Foundation will provide three major monetary awards of \$50,000, \$35,000, and \$25,000, and up to eight runners-up receive \$5,000 each.

Free College? One Man's Vision Reaches Long Branch High School

[APP.com](#)

January 16, 2017

Give Something Back Foundation, founded by Princeton philanthropist Bob Carr in 2003, has paid the way for more than 1,000 college grads. Candidates must be Pell Grant-eligible, meaning a

family income of \$45,000 or less. Foster children and those with incarcerated parents receive priority consideration. Once selected, students must maintain a B average throughout high school. The foundation pays the entire collegiate tab in advance at a discounted tuition rate. Six Garden State colleges are on board: Rowan, The College of New Jersey, Saint Peter's, Montclair State, William Paterson and NJIT. Each school will take 50 students, for a total of 600.

New Jersey MLK Day Park Cleanup

WMBCTV.com

January 16, 2017

William Paterson University students came out in record numbers to participate in community service initiatives on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Instead of taking the day off, students were turned on to helping others by working hard at a variety of community clean up and repair projects.

WMBC (Mountain Broadcasting) TV featured our students who volunteered on Martin Luther King Day in a report including a nice interview with Maribel Rodriguez. [Here's a video clip.](#)

Pinelands Short Course Adds Van Tour, More Cultural History

PressofAtlanticCity.com

January 15, 2017

The Pinelands Commission in collaboration with Stockton University has added a half-day guided van tour of the Mullica River watershed and new classes on the environment and local history to its 28th annual Pinelands Short Course, March 11 at Stockton University in Galloway Township.

Montclair Launches NEST Mobile App

CR80News.com

January 13, 2017

Montclair State University has announced the arrival of its new campus app, NEST Mobile. The app is available for iOS and Android devices that enables users to view all the same resources that were previously available on the desktop version of NEST. Features included in the NEST app are intended to make academic life easier to manage for Montclair Students.

Hughes Center Speakers Bureau Offers Stockton Experts for Events

Stockton.edu

January 13, 2017

The William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy at Stockton University reminds the public that the center can provide policy experts to speak at events and to New Jersey groups.

The Hughes Center Speakers Bureau features Stockton faculty and staff members who are available to address numerous public policy topics and issues related to government and politics. Other areas of specialty include health care, foreign affairs, climate change, tourism and gaming, civil rights and workforce issues.

Guadagno Joins GOP Governor's Race, Ciattarelli Says Cancer Will Slow Him

NJSpotlight.com

January 13, 2017

Two major developments Thursday reshaped this year's GOP gubernatorial primary: Lt. Gov. Kim Guadagno filed the necessary paperwork to officially join the race and Assemblyman Jack Ciattarelli announced that his own campaign activities will slow down this month while he receives treatment for cancer.

Lt. Gov. Guadagno was long considered to be eyeing a run for governor, especially after joining a nonprofit "think tank" last year that many viewed as a precursor to a 2017 campaign. Paperwork filed with the New Jersey Election Law Commission yesterday made her candidacy official. Asm. Ciattarelli revealed that he recently had surgery for cancer and is undergoing radiation treatment

after being diagnosed with cancer affecting his tonsils and throat. Mr. Ciattarelli (R-Somerset) said he's confident his prognosis is a good one because treatment for oropharyngeal cancer has a 90 percent success rate. His radiation treatments will last through the end of the month.

Gov. Cuomo's Free Tuition Plan Won't Help New York's State of Mind

Hechingerreport.org

January 12, 2017

Cuomo has proposed to offer free tuition at any State University of New York (SUNY) community college or four-year campus. While this latest incarnation of a free-college plan adds a component that is a step in the right direction - an income cap that would limit the funds to students from a family income of \$100,000 this year, ultimately rising to \$125,000 - it is still likely to focus much of its benefits on subsidizing students who would be attending college otherwise. Cuomo's proposal would provide no additional benefits to these students, as his proposal covers tuition alone, not other aspects of the cost of attending college, such as residence hall and dining hall fees, and transportation costs. Instead, the bulk of the funds would go to students from families who make well above the median income, who currently receive less grant aid.

Bergen Native Named Student Nurse of the Year

www.Patch.com

January 11, 2017

Katerina Korunovski, a Garfield native, was named the March of Dimes' student nurse of the year. Korunovski is a senior and is slated to graduate in May. She was the only student awardee in a field that included more than 200 nominees in various categories.

Background to Christie State of State: High Unemployment, Property Taxes

www.NJSpotlight.com

January 9, 2017

After seven full years with Christie in office, New Jersey property taxes remain the most expensive in the nation while rebates have been reduced. That state's unemployment rate remains higher than the national average, and the public-employee pension system is also still in big trouble despite Christie's one-time reform efforts. The Christie administration has become the latest in Trenton to be tarnished by scandal.

Montclair State University Professor Receives Prestigious Presidential Award

www.Montclair.edu

January 9, 2017

Pankaj Lal, associate professor of Earth and Environmental Studies and associate director of the PSEG Institute for Sustainability Studies at Montclair State University, is among 102 recipients of the Presidential Early Career Awards for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE). The awards, announced by President Obama on January 9, are the highest honor bestowed by the United States government on federally funded science and engineering professionals in the early stages of their research careers.

Tween Tech Offers Girls Reasons to Love Science

ThePressofAtlanticCity.com

January 6, 2017

More than 220 girls in grades seven and eight attended the second Tween Tech on January 6, 2017 sponsored by the American Association of University Women and Stockton University. The event introduces girls to the possibilities of a career in the sciences.

New Jersey University Has State Immunity, U.S. Court Rules

InsideHigherEd.com

January 3, 2017

Montclair State University is an arm of the State of New Jersey and is therefore immune from a former employee's employment discrimination lawsuit, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third

Circuit ruled Tuesday.

The [40-page decision](#) by the three-judge appeals panel - which overturned a lower court's ruling declaring that Montclair State could be sued by Paula Maliandi, a former media relations officer - engaged in an extensive three-part test of the ways in which the university does, and does not, qualify as a state entity. The court determined that Montclair State is financially *not* an arm of the state because it derives more funding from alternative sources than from the state and because the state is now awarded to pay financial judgments against the institution. But because the university can't sue and be sued in its own name, is immune from state taxes, and (as a member of the state college system) is not governed autonomously, the court concluded that on balance, the university is an arm of the state.

Education 2017: You Can't Tell the Players Without a Scorecard

www.NJSpotlight.com

January 3, 2017

The government funding landscape in New Jersey is rough riding this year in all areas, particularly in K-12 education. Two days in, and 2017 is already shaking out to be an eventful one for New Jersey. That's nowhere truer than in education: The Garden State is already facing a host of challenges about funding, charter schools, and teacher quality - to name just a few.

Montclair University Found Immune From Suit as Arm of State

www.NJLawJournal.com

December 28, 2016

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit has ruled that Montclair State University is an arm of the State of New Jersey, and therefore immune under the 11th Amendment from liability for an employee's discrimination suit. The decision reverses a ruling holding the university subject to Paula Mailandi's suit in federal court for claims under the Family and Medical Leave Act and under state law after she took leave for treatment of breast cancer and was offered only an inferior position upon her return. The level of state control over Montclair is not as extensive as was found in *University of Iowa in Bowers v. National Collegiate Athletic Association* but "constrained enough" to tip the scale in favor of immunity, the court said.

Space is The Final Frontier for These Stockton University Students

www.Patch.com

December 26, 2016

A Stockton University student experiment, "Spores in Space: The Effects of Microgravity on Endomycorrhizae," was chosen by the National Center for Earth and Space Science Education (NCESSSE) to go to the International Space Station (ISS) as part of Mission 11 of the Student Spaceflight Experiments Program (SSEP).

If you have not subscribed to "Daily Headlines" from the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (a daily news service) and are interested, you can sign up at <http://www.aascu.org/policy/publications/subscriptionform/>. We have found "Daily Headlines" to be well targeted to the interests and needs of higher education leaders and decision makers. It includes national and state news, so you will see important stories from New Jersey media outlets on a regular basis.

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